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SUBJECT: MINERALS DATA

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1. THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN REFTEL. A) MINERALS QUESTIONNAIRE 1976 IS BEING AIRPOUCHED THE

WEEK OF APRIL 10 AS A-34.

B) A PUBLICATION WITH UP-TO-DATE CORRELATION OF COMMODITIES TRADED AND CLASSIFICATION NUMBERS IS REGULARLY SENT TO DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND STATE AS CERP PUBLICATION NUMBER 026 GUIA PRACTICA. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE CERP LIST DISTRIBUTION FOR THIS PBULICATION.

C) SEE RRA'S TRIP REPORT AND OTHERS.

D) PUERTO MADRYN ALUMINUM SMELTER HAS NOT INCREASED ITS CAPACITY (WHICH IS 140,000MT) BUT PLANS TO EXPAND OUTPUT IN 1978 WHEN NEW HYDROELECTRIC PLANT IS COMPLETED IN MAY. ALUMINUM PRODUCTION IS PROJECTED AT 85,000MT IN 1978, 132,000 IN 1979 AND A FULL 140,000 MT IN 1980, REPORTEDLY, ALUAR S.A. CAPACITY WILL BE MORE THAN DOUBLED IN THE PERIOD 1981-1986. THERE IS A SMALL SECONDARY UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOVERY INDUSTRY THAT PRODUCES ABOUT 10,000 MT. MOST OF THE ALUAR FEEDSTOCK IS PURCHASED UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ALCOA OF AUSTRALIA IN THE FORM OF CALCINED ALUMINA.

E) ESTADISTICA MINERA 1975 WAS NOT PUBLISHED (OR AT LEAST DISTRIBUTED) BECAUSE OF A LAWSUIT PENDING BETWEEN THE GOA AND PRIVATE PRINTER.

HOWEVER, THE RAA SENT MINING STATISTICS AS ENCLOSURES TO A-52 MAY 5, 1977 AND OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 6, 1976. ESTADISTICA MINERA 1976 WILL BE PUBLISHED IN ABOUT ONE MONTH AND COPIES WILL BE SENT TO WASHINGTON UNDER THE REGULAR CERP PUBLICATIONS PROGRAM. THE ANUARIO DE LA ECONOMIA ARGENTINA IS SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AS CERP PUBLICATION 030. THE LAST ISSUE WAS SENT ON MAY 18, 1977. THIS CONTAINS DATA ON INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION, METALS, ETC.

2. THE BUREAU OF MINES IS REQUESTED TO PLEASE SEND TWO COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEARBOOK 1975 TO THE EMBASSY. ONE COPY WILL BE FOR THE EMBASSY LIBRARY AND ONE COPY FOR DR. PELAYO PENAS, DIRECTOR DE ECONOMIA MINERA. COPIES OF MINERALS FACTS AND PROBLEMS WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED IF AVAILABLE. CASTRO

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